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Information from "KROT"[i]. In a conversation with George WILLISON [DzhORDZh VILLISON] [ii]

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reporters. The anti-Soviet campaign in the American press, which has been sharply intensified since the beginning of the conference, is the direct result of the efforts of the influential delegates, of the British and of EDEN[iii]. He blames for this in part the press and the technique of the conversations which gave the delegates the opportunity to arrange behind the scene discussions with reporters who, in accordance with the instructions of their editors, tried to get as "slanted" as possible news. Sam O'NEAL (Publicity Director of the National Democratic Committee []) and WILLISON went to BABYLON[iv] on the orders of HANNEGAN[v] and the White House, to whom they [B% in this case] will report their impressions. One of the functions of WILLISON was "to enlighten the White House about the state of affairs without bureaucratic processing," that is, he reported everything to O'NEAL [C% who reported] to the White House.

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Comments:

- [i] KROT: i.e. MOLE, unidentified cover-name.
- [ii] WILLISON: Assistant to the Publicity Director of the Democratic National Committee.
- [iii] EDEN: Anthony EDEN, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Great Britain.
- [iv] BABYLON: SAN FRANCISCO.
- [v] HANNEGAN: Robert E. HANNEGAN, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.
- [vi] VADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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